



FACT SHEET

Module 7

Sharing the Road Signs and Signals at Rail Grade Crossings



ADVANCE WARNING SIGN:

An Advance Warning Sign lets a motorist know that there are railroad tracks ahead. Upon seeing this sign a motorist should slow down and be prepared to stop if required to do so. When approaching a public highway-rail crossing, drivers will see the round, yellow **advance warning sign**. These and pavement markings are generally installed by local or state agencies. **Pavement markings** are the same as the advance warning sign, but the letters are painted on the road surface and generally start at the advance warning sign and end with a stop bar near the crossing

PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Pavement Markings, consisting of an R X R followed by a Stop Line closer to the tracks, may be painted on the paved approach to a crossing. Stay behind the Stop Line while waiting for a train to pass.



CROSSBUCK:

At crossings with a Crossbuck only, a motorist is required to stop if a train is within 1,500 feet and approaching the crossing. The motorist may proceed only when it is safe to do so.



CROSSBUCK AND STOP SIGN:

At crossings with a Crossbuck and a Stop Sign, a motorist must come to a complete Stop then proceed if it is safe to do so.



CROSSBUCK AND FLASHING LIGHTS:

At crossings equipped with a Crossbuck and Flashing Lights, motorists are required to stop if the lights are flashing and may not proceed until it is safe to do so.

CROSSBUCK, FLASHING LIGHTS AND GATES:

At crossings with a Crossbuck, Flashing Lights, and Gates, a motorist must come to a complete stop when the lights start flashing, and may not proceed over the crossing while the gates are being lowered or raised. It is against the law to go around crossing gates at any time.

MOTORISTS MUST STOP AS CLOSE AS PRACTICAL BUT NOT LESS THAN FIFTEEN (15) FEET FROM THE RAILROAD TRACKS 61-8-348. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO STOP ON THE TRACKS.